

Meeting Announcement - May 28, 2008, 12 Noon - 2:30 pm

The Southern California Water Dialogue will meet on Wednesday, May 28 from Noon - 2:30 pm at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California headquarters, 700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, (213) 217-6000. Lunch will be provided with RSVP to JoAnn Carrillo @ jcarrillo@mwdh2o.com.

Meeting Topics

- ***Can Groundwater Basins Satisfy California's Water Storage Needs?***
- ***Prop 84 and 1E - Two Years Later***

Can Groundwater Basins Satisfy California's Water Storage Needs? What opportunities and challenges face Southern California's aquifers, and how can they best be managed to meet our needs?

Kathy Kunysz, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
John Rossi, Western Municipal Water District
Ken Manning, Chino Groundwater Basin

Water officials are calling for additional surface storage in the state, but what about our over-drafted groundwater basins...wouldn't they provide a better storage option? Find out about the status of southern California's groundwater aquifers and the hurdles some water managers are facing to put them to their maximum use.

The Chino Groundwater Basin and Inland Empire agencies' recent projects provide notable examples of maximizing the use of the groundwater basin. The regional agencies and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board have worked together to develop a progressive plan that allows the maximum use of the groundwater basin including recharge with recycled water.

Insight into the questions regarding maximizing the use of southern California groundwater basins will be provided by MWD. MWD recently completed a two-year study entitled "Groundwater Assessment Study" that reviews groundwater storage opportunities, the management of basins and facilities and water quality issues.

Prop 84 and 1E – John Woodling, DWR, State of California

It has been two years since voters approved propositions 84 and 1E that someday will provide over \$1 billion in Integrated Regional Water Management funding. Mr. Woodling will provide an update on the status of the IRWM Program and associated funding from Proposition 84 and Proposition 1E (Stormwater Flood Management grants). He also will enumerate the many program concepts and elements that have been under development over the last two years including the definition of a region, changes from Proposition 50 (climate change, resources management strategies, and governance), the disadvantaged community program, the integration of flood and stormwater management, and the schedule for release of draft and final guidelines.

Southern California Water Dialogue Mission Statement: Participants in the Southern California Water Dialogue meet voluntarily to explore water-related issues of vital interest to our region. The Dialogue serves as a clearinghouse and advocate for projects, activities, and processes that will improve the quality and reliability of Southern California's water supply.

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